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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An insect swatter includes an elongate rod with an elastic lash fixedly joined to a distal end thereof. The lash includes a pair of annular bands knotted together for being stretched from the rod distal end to adjacent a proximal end of the rod so that release of the lash results in spontaneous contraction thereof for swatting the insect. In an exemplary embodiment, the swatter is in the form of a pistol, with the lash extending from the distal end of the rod to a latch operated by a trigger. Aiming the rod toward the insect and pulling the trigger releases the lash for swatting the insect.